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For. **INJECTION MOLDING APPARATUS, INJECTION MOLDING SYSTEM, PELLET FEEDING UNIT, METHOD FOR INJECTION MOLDING, AND INJECTION MOLDING PRODUCT**

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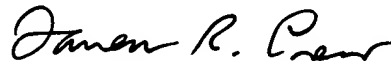
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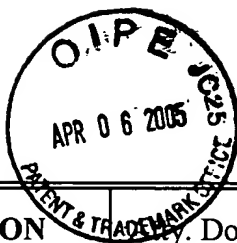
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